

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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There are no tricks in plain and simple faith.  
Julius Caesar.

## PLAN AND PULL TOGETHER

If Honolulu's many interests ever needed to pull together, it is now and for the next few years.

This territory is facing an industrial crisis and it is not organized for the fight.

With revenues on the decrease, with expenses the increase, there is as yet small prospect of plan to cut down the present waste of public money; to make efficiency the premier program municipal, county and state government.

With the prospects of a disastrous tariff reduction and free sugar in three years, Hawaii is organized either to fight for protection for the great industry or to lessen the effects of the impending blow by economy and greater progress in other directions.

The two present commercial bodies, while not working in conflict or at noticeable cross-purposes generally, are certainly not pulling together as they should. The slight jealousy—light but plainly apparent—that exists between the few members of the organizations shows this. It is ill-founded and unnecessary, but it exists in a few cases.

Honolulu has too much work to do—work that affects the whole city and the territory—to waste one ounce of energy, enthusiasm or intelligence. Misdirection is waste; lack of cooperation is waste; failure to fulfill the utmost possibilities is waste.

One large commercial organization—call it by name you will—should be formed. The work committees has shown the plan feasible.

For the greater good of Honolulu, organize the Greater Chamber of Commerce!

## VICIOUS MISREPRESENTATION

As vicious a piece of misrepresentation as has been ever been subjected to is contained in the article published in Organized Labor, of San Francisco, and republished by this paper as evidence of some of the lies that should go unanswered.

It is declared that Hawaii is a "land of oppression, misery and sorrow; that there are slave camps" maintained here; that labor is oppressed; that the planters make as high as 50 per cent profits from a system of pauper labor. One extract reads:

"So terrible are working conditions in Hawaii that European and Asiatic laborers, deceived into coming to the islands, literally starve themselves in order to save up passage money and escape the trap into which they have been inveigled. A horde of these pauper laborers are beginning to arrive in California, their extremity making them willing to work for any price, thus depressing wages of Americans on the Pacific Coast."

A particularly nasty twist is the following:

Incidentally, Senator Reed of Missouri, a member of the lobby committee, showed that a report exposing this condition was written by Daniel F. Keefe, former commissioner of immigration, who went to Hawaii at the request of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to study the industrial conditions. The report, however, was never published. It was suppressed by the administration then in power. The bureau of labor sent a man to Hawaii to get out another report on labor conditions. This report flattered the planters and was published.

The government investigator who wrote the whitewashing report was shortly thereafter given a good job with the Hawaiian territorial government, while former Secretary Nagel later busied himself preparing charges looking to the removal of Keefe.

When this matter came before the senate lobby probe committee, the Star-Bulletin commented upon the ignorance and prejudice displayed by one of the members of the committee in questioning George R. Carter and S. M. Ballou. A strenuous attempt was made to twist their testimony into some such shape as that given above. The attempt failed utterly. It was shown that there was no connection between the reports of Daniel J. Keefe, then commissioner of immigration, and Dr. Victor S. Clark. Keefe's report was suppressed because it was so flagrantly unfair and filled with such bigoted ignorance that

Secretary Nagel was at once able to see its impossibility.

Here is another sample:

In a desperate effort to keep down the wage rate of all employees, the planters are spending huge sums importing Filipinos for laborers. These workmen are the dregs of the Philippine population, gathered from almshouses, the very young and the very old, weak and racked with disease.

An impartial observer needs only to look at the class of Filipinos now being brought here by the planters to see that they are far above the average physically and mentally. The criticism against them is not that they are physically undesirable, but that a large proportion of them are law-breakers. Even this criticism, it will be remembered, was taken up in recently-published statistics to show that the Filipinos have made a very good record in Hawaii.

Organized Labor may have published the article under a misapprehension. At any rate, the attention of the labor organ should be directed to the facts.

## BY DEFAULT

The charges made by Senator Coke against John H. Wise will probably be dropped; the controversy will probably die out. The charges have not been sustained; they have not even been put to the test. Only public opinion has been appealed to in this serious matter of alleged graft.

Mr. Wise waited here ten days to appear personally before any authorized body that wished to investigate the charges. Nothing was done; he was not called. No investigation of any kind was made.

Occasionally self-appointed censors of the press indulge in criticism to the effect that "the newspapers talk too much"; "the newspapers fling around charges loosely."

This was not a newspaper issue: it was raised as the result of a statement deliberately set forth by Senator Coke in which grave charges were made. Clerk Wise met the charges with flat and explicit denials. The facts in the case could have been easily obtained by the authorities with the power to go into the records.

Senators who at the last session were in charge of printing and accounts could have ascertained the facts. But nothing was done.

Probably not a great deal of harm was wrought nor a great deal of indirect benefit accomplished by the controversy. The whole incident, however, with its result of "nothing done," does not reflect credit on the community. Direct allegations of graft should not be disregarded because of apathy and a general shifting of responsibility.

Japan will exhibit at the 1915 exposition. The directors of that enterprise will certainly welcome this announcement. Most of the news lately has been of nations that declined to participate.

Josh is no longer synonymous with joke since the Waiakea land deal was held up and Tucker got back from Hilo.

Huerta's defiance is reminiscent of Cipriano Castro when that busy little gentleman was dictator of Venezuela.

Oakland has barred the tango and turkey-trotting, but the recall continues to be a popular movement.

The president smashes a precedent of his own every time he gives Huerta twenty-four more hours.

The president may be having a "bully time" this summer but he has not said so.

Honolulu, of all places, should not need to be taught the value of unity.

The Chinese revolution has been given its death-blow again.

That twenty-four hours' grace will soon be a week old.

## S. S. PAXSON HERO OF OCEAN ROMANCE

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He arrived here July 4, and it is a happy woman if you would make her happy.

Paxson is well-known of the Hui Nalu of Honolulu, and came to the United States with the members of that club, escorting Duke Kahuna-mo-ohi, the champion swimmer. He will arrive in Oakland Friday, coming from Washington, D. C., where he has gone on official business. The marriage will be an artist.

Take place at Plymouth (Congregational) church Saturday evening, the Rev. Benjamin Gould officiating. But a few intimate friends of the pair and the relatives of the bride will be in attendance.

To Sail for Honolulu.  
The newlyweds will sail for Honolulu on the Ventura, September 1, and will make their home in the handsome residence which Paxson has purchased and furnished for his bride in the island capital.

"Miss Kelly is the daughter of Mrs. Susan E. Kelly, of 628 Twenty-eighth street, and is a sister of John Kelly, an official business. The marriage will be an artist."

## TURKEY TROT CAUSES DUEL TO THE DEATH

(By Latest Mail)

BERLIN.—The turkey trot caused a fatal duel today at Landau between a Prussian General and a Colonel, whose names are suppressed. The General challenged the Colonel because the latter criticized him for allowing his daughter to dance the turkey trot with an officer at a garrison ball. After a brief but desperate fight with swords, the Colonel died from his wounds.

## MEMBERS TOO BUSY TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN

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present, one name after another was proposed for the chairmanship, each member declining upon the ground of a pending trip to the coast or urgent business. Fred L. Waldron, however, was finally persuaded to take the chair. C. C. von Hamm and A. Garley resigned from the committee for the reason that it will be impossible for them to give as much time as they would like in helping to make arrangements for the convention.

Letters received from various commercial organizations, which were read by the secretary, indicate that there will be a large representation of island delegates at the convention, many of these organizations having already named their representatives. The Kohala Civic League has appointed Arthur Mason, George P. Tulloch, W. P. McDougall, P. W. Bluet, A. J. Stillman and H. H. Rendon as its delegates, while Herman Rohrig, Ernest Behr and E. E. Mahlum will represent the Kaula chamber of commerce. It is expected that there will be at least 45 delegates from commercial organizations, not including the supervisors of the other islands, who will be the guests of the Honolulu organizations. The Maui chamber of commerce has not as yet responded to the joint committee as to what action it has taken toward sending delegates.

As previously announced, the dates of the convention have been changed from September 17-20 to September 22-23. The delegates will arrive on the morning of regatta day, and an elaborate program has been outlined for their entertainment during that day and Sunday. A special boat will be chartered and from this the delegates and their wives may view the races. Luncheon will be served aboard at noon, and a launch will run between the boat and the shore at the convenience of the visitors. A moving picture show, including Bonine's latest views of the islands, will probably be held Saturday evening in the Makai pavilion of the Young hotel. Sunday will be given over to a trip around the island, according to the present plans, this to include a side trip to Pearl Harbor and Waikeke. It is now being planned to hold the convention in the Makai pavilion of the Young hotel, the business meetings on Monday and Tuesday lasting from half-past nine o'clock in the morning until noon, and from two o'clock until four o'clock in the afternoon. An evening session, at which time it will be endeavored to have all the local supervisors present, is being planned.

Among other features of entertainment discussed at the meeting, it is probable that the visiting delegates will be the guests of the commercial club at a luncheon Monday noon, and the Ad Club will entertain them at a like affair Tuesday noon. With regard to the business routine, Monday morning will be given over to the address by Mr. Carter, the response by Dr. Elliot, the report of the committee on credentials and an address on promotion by Lorrin Thurston. It was voted that the committees on entertainment and program merge and report a definite outline at the next meeting. Finances were touched but lightly at the meeting, this matter being held over until the next session. Special rates have been offered to the delegates by the inter-island steamship company, each delegate to stand all personal expenses. The invited supervisors, however, will be the guests of the local organizations.

## DELAY IS THREATENED IN THE KEALOHA CASE

Although John Kealohe, the Hawaii county supervisor now under fire, and David Mattoon are in Honolulu, and although Attorney Claudius McBride, the supervisor's legal counsel, asserted this morning a large number of witnesses in the impeachment proceedings will arrive from Hilo Saturday morning, it is unlikely their evidence will be called for another week or two at least.

The impeachment hearings are not expected to begin before that time. McBride informed Attorney General Thayer this morning, he will file a motion in abatement tomorrow morning, his first move in dilatory tactics, to delay the hearings. In answer the attorney general will probably enter his demurrer on Friday, and Chief Justice Robertson is expected to order a hearing on this for 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Further efforts by McBride to delay the actual hearing are anticipated. Meantime, he says, he is informed that a large number of witnesses who

## HALSEY BRIBE LETTER TAKEN AS HUGE JOKE

Uniting in what would appear to be a renewed attack on the federal immigration station, the four leading local Japanese newspapers have taken up the matter of the bribe letter received yesterday by Inspector Halsey to the extent of branding it as a huge joke on the part of some person or persons who are intent upon ridiculing the federal office.

Thus far, the Japanese papers have touched but lightly on the matter, referring to it but briefly. A translation of an editorial appearing in the Hawaii Shinpo, made this morning by Editor Sheba, says:

"A queer letter has reached Mr. Halsey which offers him \$500 for the release of the five members of the Japanese excursion party. We think that this letter must have been written merely for fun, and if not, the person writing it must have been crazy. If the person who wrote the letter is a Japanese, and tried to make a joke when we are considering the matter of the five Japanese excursionists as a serious question, we would like to know who the writer is, and assist in having him condemned. We understand that the immigration authorities are trying to solve this question now."

Speaking from the standpoint of his paper, Mr. Sheba said: "If a man were to offer a bribe to Mr. Halsey, I believe that he would either try to see him personally or else reach him in some round-about way. What can Mr. Halsey do when he gets a letter of this kind, which is not even properly signed? I do not think that a Japanese would write such a letter, and further, I do not believe that the letter was written by a Japanese."

Editor Shibayama, of the Japanese Chronicle, said this morning that his paper was considering the matter from two points of view; first, that the bribe letter was planned by someone who is endeavoring to ridicule the local Japanese, or second, that it was written by some person who is trying to make fun of the immigration station. The Hawaii Hochi, while it has dealt sparingly with the matter thus far, believes that it lies entirely with Mr. Halsey to settle the matter. Editor Soga, of the Nippon Jiji, said this morning that his paper is of the opinion that the affair is a joke and the work of a trickster.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JOHN H. WISE: We are going to put up ten houses on our homestead tract at Waikeke, and there will be a lot of development work done there this summer.

—SENATOR D. E. METZGER: I don't see any especial reason for a special session of the legislature after the new governor takes office. Our financial laws, to my way of thinking, are in good shape, and as for appointments—if the governor is a Democrat and the senate Republican, it may be rather difficult.

—JAILER ASCH: The morning paper has an article headed "Raid Crap Game in County Jail" that might give the impression that it was over at the county jail, when the game was in reality at the police station. There is no crap-shooting at the county jail, I would not allow it, and I never play myself. The article says that a jailer was caught gambling. I am the only county jailer, and I do not want my friends to think that I was caught shooting craps.

are expected to appear for the prosecution are planning to come to the capital city on the next Mauna Kea. If this is true, they may have to wait here an indefinite length of time before their services are required.

The witnesses are coming merely at the request of the business men of H. wall county, who are anxious to have the impeachment heard, and not on any subpoena, such as ordinarily are issued by the court. Subpoenas could not very well be issued at the present time, for the reason, as already told in the Star-Bulletin, that the territory has no authority to pay witnesses or any other expense connected with the impeachment. The responsibility of gathering and providing for the payment of witnesses rests entirely with the citizens of Hawaii county, for whom it is understood the Hilo Board of Trade has consented to stand sponsor.

didn't take him long to make mother believe in him and give her consent.

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"There is a more confident spirit prevailing and general business has materially revived. President Wilson's administration is making a favorable impression as it develops, and there appears to be an absence of the unrest that succeeded the presidential election. Tariff changes have in fact been discounted, as prominent financiers some time ago assured the country was being done."

"Most of the financial uneasiness on the coast has been caused by the difficulties of the Key route system, which are due more to defective financing than intrinsic causes. One mistake was in giving short term notes instead of issuing long term bonds to cover capital charges. However, there are some that believe Promoter Smith will pull himself out of the hole as he has done in other big enterprises."

Additional contracts have been awarded by the superintendent of public works to the Waterhouse Company for installing furniture in the Judiciary building, at \$20,342; to F. M. Friesell, for supplying and laying piping in the Kaimuki district, at \$5,655, and Wall, Nicholls Company to furnish and install wood furniture in the Judiciary building, at \$2,727.

## Personal Mention

JAS. McCANDLESS is due to arrive by the Wilhelmina, according to a cable received from him in this city this morning.

JAMES L. YOUNG of the Lord-Young Engineering Company, will leave for Kaula on a business trip tomorrow evening.

R. B. ANDERSON, of the firm of Prosser, Anderson and Marx, is again at his residence convalescent from an operation for appendicitis, having undergone an operation at Queen's hospital.

H. S. RICKARD of Hawaii, former member of the house of representatives, came to Honolulu yesterday on a business trip. He says that the people of Hilo do not know just what they want in the matter of the Waikeke lands.

OLIVER LANSING, who intended to sail Tuesday for a six weeks' visit on the mainland, has been obliged to remain in the city because of business. He plans to leave in the first part of September.

E. H. F. WOLTER, supervisor, is ill at his home. His condition, though said not to be critical, is serious. He has been confined to his bed for a number of days, and his improvement is very slow.

Before attempting to paddle his own canoe the wise young man learns to swim.

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